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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please don't take away consumer choice. Discouraging local providers of broadband is the wrong move for our economy. Protect competition, protect consumer choice, do not assist the monopolization of the internet by just a few big corporations. Our rates and access are already poorer than Europe. Preserve the 1996 Telecom act. The taxes we pay already subsidize the line owners. It would be unfair to the consumer to subsidize an industry AND eliminate its competition.

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